

Code of ethics for rock, fossil, and mineral collectors

The following code of ethics is an example of the types of ethics utilized by many collecting organizations. Most clubs and organizations have similar types of practices that are well thought out and appreciated!

Respect both private and public property, and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

Keep informed of all laws, rules, and regulations governing collecting on public lands, and will observe them.

Ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

Use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.

Cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, buildings, signs, etc.

Leave all gates as found.

Build fires only in designated or safe places, and will make sure that they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

Discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

Fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

Do not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

Cause no willful damage to collecting material, and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

Leave all collecting areas free of litter, regardless of how found.

Cooperate with field trip leaders and those designated in authority in all collecting areas.

Report to my Club or other proper authorities, any deposit of material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations.

Appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources